

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Austin

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the City of Austin for sanitary sewer overflow prevention. These funds will be used for the Non-Structural SSO Prevention Project in association with our partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This past fall, EPA released the City's first Special Appropriations Grant XP-97677204 to allow expenditures on the City's ongoing "cured-in-place" sewer main slip lining contracts. This trenchless sewer rehabilitation technique eliminates infiltration and replaces the structural integrity of sewer mains without extensive excavation. Having EPA grant funds targeted to this activity frees up existing City financial resources to (1) expand sanitary sewer monitoring, cleaning and maintenance, (2) address both grease control and permanent root elimination from the sewer system and (3) expand use of trenchless sanitary sewer rehabilitation techniques to other areas of the sewer system. The requested funds will be used for a non-structural (trenchless) sanitary sewer overflow prevention project. The project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows that threaten the Colorado River watershed and the Edwards Aquifer. It will also demonstrate a non-structural approach to addressing sanitary sewer overflows that can be replicated nationally. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

A TRIBUTE TO FRED LOWE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Fred Lowe for his extraordinary work and leadership as Business Manager of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 777.

Fred Lowe was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in California's San Fernando Valley

where, in 1966, he graduated from North Hollywood High School.

Mr. Lowe began his career as a freelance journalist in the early 1970s while actively participating in the anti-war movement during the Vietnam War. He became involved in the Labor Movement in 1976 while employed as a warehouse worker at a General Electric plant in San Jose, California. As a Shop Steward at General Electric, he helped organize his co-workers into Local 6 of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

Fred continued on to serve several unions, organizing and representing workers in both the public and private sector. He worked with individuals in skilled trades and service industries, as well as university professors and administrative and clerical workers. In the mid 1980s, he became involved in the Sanctuary Movement for refugees fleeing war and political oppression in El Salvador and Guatemala. In 1994, Fred Lowe served as an international observer to El Salvador's first democratic election.

By the mid 1990s, he returned to union organizing, finding his home within the Laborers' International Union of North America (L.I.U.N.A.). Working with the union's Organizing Department in 1996, Fred played an important role in managing a historic election of 5,200 Riverside County employees. With his leadership, L.I.U.N.A. gained its largest public sector organizing victory in the union's history. Shortly after the win, the union became known as L.I.U.N.A., Local 777.

Under Mr. Lowe's exceptional leadership as Business Manager, Local 777 has grown to represent over 8,000 members throughout both Riverside and Los Angeles counties. His determined efforts have shaped Local 777 into an outstanding example of political activism, helping to elect public officials who serve the needs of labor. For more than 30 years, Fred Lowe has worked as an effective advocate for laborers' rights in Southern California and has been instrumental in working toward equitable employee relations in Riverside and Los Angeles Counties. Fred and his wife Karen have three children, Luisa, Sonya, and Michael Scott.

On June 30, 2009, Mr. Lowe will retire from his position as Business Manager of L.I.U.N.A., Local 777. It is my great pleasure to recognize the extraordinary dedication and achievements of Mr. Fred Lowe and I ask all Members of Congress to join me in thanking him for his service.

SADDLE RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GRADUATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Saddle River Police De-

partment will hold its Youth Leadership Program graduation ceremony with the students of the Wandell Elementary School. The young people participating in this important program have made a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Timothy McWilliams and Superintendent Dr. David Goldblatt.

The Saddle River Youth Leadership Program allows children to defeat the negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth, empowering them with the confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at the Wendell School, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship: Tiara Berry, Nina Butler, Gabriella Dedvukaj, Samuel Edelman, John Engkvist, Samantha Fisher, Max Freedberg, Ekaterina Hardesty, Jodi Hinchey, Trey Kidd, Niko Kourgalis, Stephanie Lande, Alison Luing, Ohiragg Manchanda, Gianna Pace, Ryan Perle, Lelyzaveta Troschii, Derek Wafer, Isaiah Wright, Alexander Zahn, Claudia Baker, Evan Berker, Juliette Boyajian, Gregory Ceccon, Carolina Earle, Sam Hajal, Harrison He, Candace Krauss, Anthony LaBarbiera, Nicholas LoPiccolo, Patrick Mello, Michael Morrissey, Connor Nicholson, Ana Ordonez, Matthew Perle, Kimberly Quinones, Jacqueline Rodgers, Samson Silberman, Sarah Taranto, Kyle Weber, and Alexis Weiner.

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB TEAM

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Shippensburg University Women's Rugby Club Team on winning the 2009 USA Rugby National Guard Collegiate Championships. As national champions, the members of the rugby club team have shown the discipline and teamwork required to achieve greatness.

The championship is the second in a row for the club, who built on their success last year to come back better and stronger and take the title again. The championship match at Stanford's Steuber Rugby Stadium was truly a wonderful accomplishment. The Division II rugby club beat Stonehill College in the final match 29-5. Through dedication and persistence the club was able to achieve this praiseworthy title.

The women of the Shippensburg rugby club team have shown great leadership, and each of these individuals has represented their school with distinction and honor. The club has brought great pride to not only Shippensburg University but to the greater

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